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SUBJECT: UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA OBSERVES NAMIBIA DAY

1. SUMMARY: THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA MET AUGUST 26 AT UN HEADQUARTERS TO CELEBRATE NAMIBIA DAY. THE SPEAKERS SPOKE OF THE PRESSING NEED FOR THE GRANTING OF SPEEDY INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA. SEVERAL SPEAKERS ALSO CALLED FOR THE REJECTION OF THE PROPOSALS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE AND CONDEMNED THE AID CERTAIN WESTERN NATIONS GIVE TO THE SAR.  
END SUMMARY.

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2. ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA RESENSWIG-DIAZ STATED THAT RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATE THE IMPATIENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT REGION TO GAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM. HE CHARGED THAT THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A LEGITIMATE GATHERING AND THAT ITS PROPOSALS WERE BOTH VAGUE AND AMBIGUOUS.

3. ASSISTANT SYG FARAH READ A STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NAMIBIA AND THE RETURN OF ALL POLITICAL EXILES AS WELL AS THE INCLUSION OF SWAPO IN A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE STATED THE UN MUST BE ALLOWED TO SUPERVISE ANY ELECTIONS LEADING TO SELF-DETERMINATION. HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE WINDHOEK PROPOSALS FALL FAR SHORT OF THESE GOALS.

4. SC PRESIDENT ABE OF JAPAN SAID THAT UN MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BECOME DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE CHANCES OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND THAT JAPAN REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAMIBIA.

5. VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTYNENKO OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID URGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO GIVE ITS MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO NAMIBIA. HE SAID HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT CERTAIN STATES HAD CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC TIES TO THE SAR. HE CHARGED THAT THE WINDHOEK PROPOSALS ONLY CIRCUMVENTED THE UN DEADLINE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD FURTHER ENTRENCH APARTHEID IN NAMIBIA.

6. VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR RIOS, STATED THAT RECENT EVENTS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE SAR TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

7. INTERIM CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION VRAALSEN OF NORWAY SAID THAT BY EXCLUDING PARTICIPATION OF SWAPO THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE DEPRIVED ITSELF OF ANY REAL VALIDITY. HE CALLED THE CONFERENCE ONLY A MANEUVER TO FORESTALL SC ACTION CALLED FOR BY SC 385.

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8. MADAGASCAR REP, RASOLONDRAIBE, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP, STATED THAT EFFORTS TO AID NAMIBIA WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IF CERTAIN PERMANENT UNSC MEMBERS HAD NOT BY THEIR ACTIONS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND DECOLONIZATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE SAID ANY DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES THAT ATTEMPT TO GET THE UN TO ACCEPT PSEUDO-CONCESSIONS IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE. HE CHARGED THAT THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE WAS A SHAM. HE ALSO STATED

THAT CERTAIN POWERS ON THE SC ARE GIVING THE SAR IMMUNITY FROM ITS RACIST ACTIONS. HE FURTHER, CHARGED SOUTH AFRICA WAS COMMITTING SERIOUS CRIMES AGAINST MANKIND.

9. OAU REP PRAISED SWAPO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE CHARGED THE SAR WAS TURNING NAMIBIA INTO ARMED CAMP FROM WHICH TO STAGE OPERATIONS AGAINST FREE AFRICA. HE NOTED THE "ODIOUS COMPLICITY" OF FRANCE AND ISRAEL IN SENDING, RESPECTIVELY, NUCLEAR REACTORS AND MILITARY EXPERTS TO THE SAR. HE NOTED THAT TRIPLE VOTOES IN THE UNSC PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF SAR. HE ALSO CALLED THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE A SHAM. HE PRAISED SWAPO IN ITS ROLE AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. HE CONCLUDED BY TELLING THE COUNCIL THAT THE AFRICA STATES ARE PREPARED TO USE ANY MEANS POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

10. SWAPO REP CHARGED THAT SAR HAS MILITAAIZED NAMIBIA. HE CLAIMED THAT OPERATION COBRA, CONDUCTED BY THE SAR EARLIER THIS YEAR ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF NAMIBIA, WAS AN ATTEMPT TO ARREST ALL MALES AND SHOOT ANYONE WHO RESISTED ARREST. HE CHARACTERIZED THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE AS BEING A "CIRCUS". HE STATED THAT NATO MEMBERS AND OTHERS HAVE INCREASED THEIR AID TO THE SAR. AS PROOF OF THIS HE CITED NUCLEAR REACTORS FROM FRANCE, MILITARY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FROM THE UK, AND MILITARY ADVISORS FROM ISRAEL. HE CHARGED THAT NAMIBIANS HAVE DIED BECAUSE OF THIS WESTERN SUPPORT OF THE SAR. SWAPO REP ALSO INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE VOLKSPARTEI OF NAMIBIA HAD RECENTLY DISSOLVED IN ORDER TO JOIN SWAPO.

11. LETTERS WERE READ FROM THE LEADERS OF INDIA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, AND YUGOSLAVIA PRAISING THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

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12. USUN, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED AT THE COUNSELLOR LEVEL, HANDED OVER CHECKS TOTALING OVER \$300,000 FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA AND THE UN EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SOUTH AFRICA. USUN POLITICAL COUNSELLOR ASKED THAT THE RECEIPT OF US CONTRIBUTIONS BE ANNOUNCED, BUT ROSENWEIG-DIAZ SAID THAT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN A SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING THE MEETING. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN PRESS RELEASE OF US DONATIONS ISSUED AUGUST 26:

QUOTE:

UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTES \$250.000 TO INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA

ALSO GIVER \$50.000 TO SOUTHERN AFRICA TRAINING FUND

THE UNITED STATES THIS MORNING PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$250,000 TO THE UNITED NATIONS AS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1976.

IN AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER, THE UNITED STATES SAID:  
"THE UNITED STATES FULLY RECOGNIZES THE UNITED NATIONS' CONCERN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAMIBIA AND DESIRES TO ASSIST IN THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF ITS PEOPLE".

AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNITED STATES PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$50,000 AS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1976.

IN AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER, THE UNITED STATES SAID:  
"THE UNITED STATES FULLY RECOGNIZES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR NAMIBIA, AND THE UNITED STATES DESIRES PROMPT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE TERRITORY".

BOTH CHEQUES WERE PRESENTED DURING THIS MORNING'S SOLEMN MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN OBSERVANCE OF NAMIBIA DAY. THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA WAS FORMALLY OPENED TODAY IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, TO TRAIN NAMIBIAN CIVIL SERVANTS FOR ADMINISTERING A FREE NAMIBIA.

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